

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Description: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grants provide funding to states to capitalize revolving loan funds that provide loans and other forms of assistance to build, upgrade and rehabilitate publicly-owned wastewater treatment systems (POTW), nonpoint source management projects, and conservation planning systems. Through these grants, EPA provides capital contributions for permanent sources of financing for construction of municipally-owned sewage collection and treatment facilities, storm water systems, and other water quality projects. States are required to provide a 20% match to each EPA grant award. CWSRF resources are used to leverage other Federal state sources of funding each with their own requirements. When loans are repaid, the loan amount and interest is returned into the fund and re-lent to other borrowers, providing a perpetual source of capital for the state to meet its clean water financing needs.

Purpose: Provide EPA grants to states to establish and fund state revolving loan funds to provide assistance to municipalities.

POTW Definition: As defined in section 212 of the Clean Water Act (the Act) and that appear on the State's priority list developed pursuant to section 216 of the Act.

Eligibility: Only states may receive EPA CWSRF grants. Eligible CWSRF assistance recipients include any municipality or inter-municipal, interstate, or State agency for construction of publicly owned treatment works (as defined in Section 212). Also eligible are publicly and privately owned decentralized wastewater treatment projects. In addition, publicly and privately owned, permitted and unpermitted projects that manage, reduce, treat, or recapture storm water or subsurface drainage water are eligible.

Limitations: States determine the CWSRF funding priorities and select projects. There are many federal-requirements imposed on assistance recipients.

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